

Happy Birthday

Vernon Houts Sept. 24th

Judy Grant Sept. 28th

Autumn Vann Sept. 29th

Mike Mallett Oct. 21st

Ruby Jones Oct. 24th

You Find What You Look For

It is said that two kinds of birds fly over the California deserts: the hummingbird and the vulture.

All the vulture can see is rotting meat because that is all he looks for. He thrives on that diet.

But the hummingbird ignores the carcasses and the smelly flesh of dead animals. Instead, he looks for the tiny blossoms of the cactus flowers. He buzzes around until he finds the colorful blooms almost hidden from view by the rocks.

Each bird finds what it is looking for.

What are we looking for?
Better still - what are we finding?
What you are finding tells what you are really looking for. Your expectations of life will determine your outcome.

Remember: "Give others the best you have & the best will come back to you."

By Ray Crook

Those to Serve

(B) Jorge Garza

(FV) Judd Wall

(O) Doug Pruett

(A) Kevin Grant

1st prayer Jack Wall

2nd prayer Mike Mallett

Announcements: Judd Wall

Singing: Kevin Grant

September 15th

Men's Business Meeting

September 22nd

Autumn Begins

September 29th

Noon Fellowship

October 6th

Mission Sunday

October 13th

Men's Business Meeting

October 14th

Columbus Day

Prayer List:

Letha Sheldon

Jorge Garza

Joyce Windham

Dora Martinez

David Jones

Tammy Parker

Anita Adams

Pray for our Nation

Our Troops

Law Enforcement

Rescue Personnel

Edifier

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Attending church services regularly is like making a path through the forest: the more often you use it, the less obstruction you find in the way."

Sunday Worship:

9:30 am Bible Study

10:20 am Worship

12:30 pm Afternoon

Wednesday Night

6:00 pm

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It Is Never Too Late To Start Over

Captain John Callender of the Massachusetts militia was found guilty of cowardice at the Battle of Bunker Hill. George Washington had to order his court martial. Callender re-enlisted in the army as a private, and at the Battle of Long Island exhibited such conspicuous courage that Washington publicly revoked the sentence and restored his captancy.

It is the same way in the Lord's army. We can start over. We may feel that our actions and deeds are such that seeking to live for Jesus is useless. We try and then stumble. We make an effort and then do something that seems to blot out that effort, and we want to simply quit. But it is not too late to start over. One benefit of forgiveness is the starting over principle. John said in **1 John 1:9**, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Peter was one who went to sleep when the Lord needed him, denied the Lord, and followed him from a distance. Yet in the beginning of the church, who preached the first sermon? Who was a strong leader among the Lord's disciples in the early history of the church? It was Peter! For many of us, to have failed Jesus as often as Peter did, we would have said we can't start again. But Peter demonstrates that we can try again and succeed.

Each new day is an opportunity to start over. The sight of the rising sun is a beautiful reminder that we have a new and marvelous beginning ahead of us. It is an opportunity to overcome the mistakes and wrong doing of yesterday and be a better person today. Don't get discouraged when you do not live up to the goals you set. It is not too late to start over.

By Steve Boyd

What's the Score?

I have a friend whose wife just can't understand why so many people are so interested in sports. She says that she doesn't understand why her husband should actually watch the games. After all, she says, all that matters is the score. Why waste time seeing how the score comes about?

While I can't exactly agree with her point of view, and I know that other things really do matter, it is true that the winner is judged by the score. Chuck Noll, who coached the Pittsburgh Steelers of the NFL, once commented on why he likes football. "The nice thing about football," he said, "is that you have a scoreboard to show how you've done. In other things in life, you don't. At least not one that you can see."

Since life's scoreboard is one that you can't see, man has been diligent in trying to make up his own substitute scoreboard. He may think that the quantity of riches amassed is a good scoreboard, or how new his car is, or something like that. But the number of things we have is not necessarily the indicator of life's score. Neither is how high we rise in our company, or who we know and associate with.

Sometimes in a football game, one team gets more first downs, and gains more yards, and maybe even has a better band, but those things are not what counts in the end. All that really matters in the end is the score. In the game of life, a man may have those earthly things we count so precious, and he may be a good neighbor, and may even be kind to animals, but these are not really what count in the end.

John saw a great vision of the scoreboard of life. "And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. ... And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire" (**Revelation 20:11-12, 15**). How do you stand according to what is written in the books?

By Bob Prichard